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Mr. Michael Rodak, Jr.
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

Re: Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri, a Missouri Corporation, et al., Appellants, v. John C. Danforth, et al., Appellees, October Term, 1974, No. 74-1151

Dear Mr. Rodak:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 16(3), Appellee John C. Danforth, Attorney General of Missouri, hereby declines to file any formal response to the Jurisdictional Statement because he agrees with appellants that ". . . the questions presented are so substantial as to require plenary consideration, with briefs on the merits and oral argument, for their resolution." See Supreme Court Rule 15 and Jurisdictional Statement, page 24.

Each of the questions presented by this appeal pertain to one or more sections of House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1211, Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, 1974. House Bill No. 1211 in its entirety and each of the challenged sections specifically represent the result of a two-year legislative effort by the Missouri General Assembly to enact legislation regulating abortion within the parameters permitted by Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), and Doe v. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179 (1973). See Section 1, House Bill No. 1211, Jurisdictional Statement, page 6.

Because most of the questions raised by this appeal relate to matters not specifically covered by Roe and Doe, because the challenged sections of House Bill 1211 reflect a

good-faith attempt by the Missouri General Assembly to regulate abortion in conformance with this Court's opinions, and because other states have enacted provisions similar in many respects to the challenged provisions of House Bill No. 1211, Appellee John C. Danforth, Attorney General of Missouri, urges this Court to note probable jurisdiction and place this case upon its docket for full review.

Very truly yours,

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